

I am appalled by the biased and unfair reporting I see and hear in the media. I want the FCC to insure that we have a FREE press - not one whose members have been fired and marginalized because they refused to follow daily "talking points" suggested by their employer and other attempts to influence accurate and unbiased reporting of events in the world. I am speaking specifically of Fox News and Sinclair Broadcasting Corp. I am outraged by their calculated misrepresentation of truth. Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's and Fox News's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, and why we need to enforce the laws we already have that pertain to providing equal time for differing points of view to be presented. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Finally, when most of the major media outlets are owned by only five corporations, we are verging on creating an organized, privately controlled propaganda machine disguised as a national press. Please! Investigate these huge corporations and stop their monopoly of the market, as well as the hearts and minds of supposedly free Americans. Thank you.